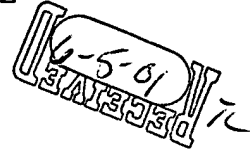


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the CPA filed 5/7/01, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A changer apparatus for information discs,  
comprising: a stacking unit for stacking at least two  
information discs in respective stacking positions,  
a read/write unit for reading information stored on the  
information discs and/or writing information on the information  
discs in a play position,  
an eject position at which an information disc can be  
removed from the apparatus, and  
transport means for transporting the information discs from  
the eject position into a loading position of the stacking unit  
along a curve-shaped loading path,  
and in which the play position is between the eject position  
and the loading position.

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3. (twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the play  
position is offset from a direct connecting line between the  
loading position and the eject position.

4. (twice amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the play  
position is disposed on the loading path.

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